

Application No. 10/749,976
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

The Examiner's approval is requested for the two sheets of accompanying drawings.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested. The Examiner's action has been carefully considered and it is believed that this amendment is fully responsive and places the application in a condition for allowance because of the following reasons.

The specification has been amended to correct the informalities which the Examiner identified in his office action.

Replacement drawings are enclosed for the Examiner's approval.

The 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections have been overcome by cancelling claim 2 and amending claims 1, 3, 9 and 10.

Claims 1, 3 and 9-12 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections. Claims 1, 3 and 9-12 are not obvious in view of the cited references because of the following reasons. Smith U.S. 1,515,445; Cooney U.S. 1,870,711; Chang U.S. 4,084,305 and Steffes et al. U.S. 4,922,749) are incapable of removing pulleys from active power sources.

Smith, Cooney and Chang are directed to pullers for removing pulleys without V-belts by hooking the pulleys with arms (Smith, "arm" 10; Cooney, "arm" 17; Chang, "pull pawls" 22) and rotating threaded members (Smith, "threaded actuating member" 23; Cooney, "screw member" 22; Chang "screw rod" 23).

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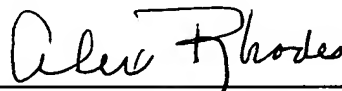
Steffes is directed to an indexing tool for rotating an engine crankshaft. The crankshaft is indexed by attaching the tool to a harmonic balancer attached to a pulley and rotated.

Amended independent claim 1, 11 and 12 are patentably distinguishable from the references by the positive limitations of "a means for disengaging a tapered member from a V-belt drive when a power source is active; and a "push rod". Since claims 3-10 depend from claim 1 for the same limitations as claim 1 they are not obvious in view of the references.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner act favorably on this amendment and pass this case for allowance.

If the Examiner should have further objections or believe further changes are necessary, a telephone conference would be appreciated.

Respectfully requested,



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